

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO†

EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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From Some Editorial Notes:

Specials to the American Medical Association, San Francisco, 1915.—A special train to carry the New York and New England members and delegates to the American Medical Association meeting in San Francisco, June 21 to 25, is already planned and reservations are being made. The special is being handled by the McCann agency, in New York, and they have arranged a schedule that will bring their more than welcome trainload of physicians into San Francisco June 20. On the return, this party goes north through Portland, Seattle, etc., and will stop one day at Rochester, Minnesota, for a visit to the Mayo clinic. This is but the first of many special trains that will be made up to bring members from various parts of the country, but we are glad to notice that our friends in New York have begun early to arrange matters so as to be with us this June. Good luck and a pleasant trip to them.

Worth Repetition.—The following quotation from the *Bulletin of the Lake County (Indiana), Medical Society*, touching as it does on a point so often mentioned in these columns, is well worthy of perusal. Doctors are notoriously easy to get into wildcat companies, mines, oil schemes and the like. If they would but ask advice to take counsel, they would save themselves many and many thousands of dollars:

"Has it ever occurred to you as being peculiar that so many stocks are offered to physicians? It hardly seems possible that the salesmen who have various good things to offer should all be philanthropists, and yet, one would gain that opinion after listening to their talk a few moments. The fact is, physicians are generally regarded as 'easy marks' by stock salesmen. We have yet to hear of any of our friends getting in on a good thing through the offers of these salesmen, but know of many cases to the contrary. Give them the 'once over' before listening too intently."

Fractures: Suits: X-Ray Plates.—It has become absolutely necessary for every physician to exercise the utmost caution in treating a case of fracture. A large percentage of suits for alleged malpractice are based upon cases where a fracture has been treated. It is essential that the physician take an x-ray plate of the fracture, preferably both before and after setting, and keep the plate! Failure on the part of the physician to take this simple precaution has cost the Society close upon \$5,000, most of which would have been saved had proper x-ray plates been taken and kept by the attendant. On this account the House of Delegates authorized the Council to make a just rule covering this point in connection with the medical defense work. The Council has ruled that each such suit will be considered separately and on its own merits, but that unless it can be shown by the member sued that it was well nigh impossible for him to have an x-ray taken, he must defend the suit himself and pay for his own carelessness. The basic principle of the rule is sound; it is not fair to permit one careless member to cause a great expense to all the other members. Ninety-nine times in a hundred, it is quite possible to have an x-ray plate made, either before or after setting—or both—and the protection secured is enormous.

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†This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association activities some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA†

By CHARLES B. PINKHAM, M. D.
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News

"Application of Arden Zimmerman, 31, San Jose chiropractor, for probation on a conviction of two counts of slander, will be ruled on by Justice Grandin H. Miller on December 7. Zimmerman was convicted yesterday afternoon of charges preferred by Dr. W. Franklin Morris, Oakland chiropractor, who accused him of telling professional associates that he, Morris, was an abortionist. Zimmerman was acquitted on the third count. Prosecutor A. P. Lindsay, who said Morris would not oppose Zimmerman's probation plea, declared the local man's conviction exonerated Doctor Morris of his assertions." (San Jose News, November 23, 1939.)

"A proposed initiative measure which would make surgeons liable for unnecessary operations was submitted for titling to Ward Sullivan, deputy attorney-general, today by Dr. J. Theo Hollie, Salt Lake City and Los Angeles naturopath. The proposition includes the following: Defines unnecessary operations as those in which no pathology is found to exist, those performed pursuant to a wrong diagnosis and those performed in which no relief could be obtained by the patient. Provides that a written diagnosis must be submitted to the patient by the surgeon prior to the operation and that all excised tissue must be sent by the surgeon to the state department of public health, along with a copy of the surgeon's record of the case, within five days after the operation. States that the health department must make tests of the tissue and give the patient a copy of the report, and that the department must retain the tissue for 300 days. Provides that all prescriptions written by doctors must bear English interpretation of the symbols or names in another language. Would make hospitals liable for an unnecessary operation to the extent of \$500 damages and a surgeon convicted of violation of the act subject to a \$500 fine, six months in jail and suspension of license for from six months to two years. Doctor Hollie last week submitted to the attorney-general's office for filing another proposed initiative aimed at the separation of nonmedical practitioners from the State Board of Medical Examiners and the creation of a nonmedical board." (Associated Press dispatch dated San Francisco, November 30, printed Sacramento Bee same date.) (Previous entries, December 1937; March, 1938.)

"A demurrer against the recently voted indictment charging Dr. Nathan S. Housman on six counts of perjury, offering false evidence and preparing false evidence, was filed before Superior Judge Lile T. Jacks yesterday by the physician's attorneys, John J. Taaffe and William Ferriter. The attorneys contended the charges did not involve a public offense. The case was set for November 30. . . ." (San Francisco Chronicle, November 25, 1939.) (Previous entries, November, December, 1932; July, 1933; January, 1937; January, November, 1938; October, December, 1939.)

"The right of osteopaths to be employed by school districts throughout California has been affirmed by the third district court of appeal. . . . The appeal court decision, announced yesterday, upholds a Sacramento superior court

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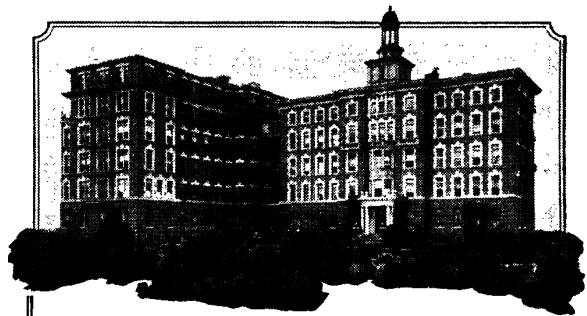
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decision granting a writ of mandate to Edward William Jordt, Sacramento osteopath, against the school board directing the board to issue the credential permitting his employment in schools. The school board refused to recognize the state board of osteopathic examiners licenses, since it supplanted the medical board in 1922 for osteopathic physicians." (Sacramento *Bee*, November 25, 1939.)

"Dewey Conway, 49, of Chico, was arrested today on a ranch near Clovis on charges of practicing medicine without a license. He was held in the Fresno County jail in lieu of \$5,000 bond. Conway denied the charge, declaring he was operating as an herb specialist. 'Our investigation,' said Williams, 'shows that Conway has been treating from 150 to 200 San Joaquin Valley residents two or three days each month at a charge of \$5.50 a patient, for such ailments as brain tumor, venereal diseases, stomach and kidney diseases, and cancer. Records in his office show he gave the identical prescription to each patient, no matter what their ailment, the medicines containing aspirin, caffeine, and hypnotic drug, and other ingredients intended to alleviate pain.'" (Associated Press dispatch dated Fresno, November 17, printed San Bernardino *Telegram* same date.) (Previous entry, May, 1932.)

"Isaiah Conway, 45, brother of Dewey Conway, local 'Indian herb doctor' arrested here October 6 on (practicing) without a license and now at liberty on \$250 cash bail, was arrested last night in Sacramento for violation of the state medical practice act and today was in the county jail at Sacramento, according to news dispatches from the state capital. Conway was formerly of Chico and was arrested here on a similar charge prior to moving to Sacramento. The arrest was made by Joseph W. Williams, special agent for the State Board of Medical Examiners, who arrested the offender's brother here recently." (Chico *Enterprise*, November 3, 1939.)

"Punch drunk Los Angeles today staggered under the impact of a new scandal—a narcotic ring assertedly involving state narcotic officers, police and physicians. First inkling of the newest scandal, which takes its place in the sun with the liquor and grand jury pay-off investigations, was the resignation of Jack Harrigan, inspector of the state narcotic division in Los Angeles, since 1932. Harrigan's resignation followed a conference with Paul E. Madden, state chief of the division. 'After talking with numerous addicts and suspected addicts, I talked with Harrigan,' Madden said. 'Following this conversation, he submitted his resignation.' Putting the finger on the newest scandal was an addict, Tony Chrisman, former police undercover man, who said he felt he was 'being roused by the narcotic cops.' Some of the addicts questioned said it was a case of a radio for the doctor and liquor for the cop, instead of an apple for the teacher. . . . So far there has been no actual evidence linking members of the police department, sheriff's office or the three other state narcotic officers here, Madden said. Both Madden and Homer Cross, deputy chief of police, said the statements of addicts must

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be proved beyond all reasonable doubt, because narcotic users 'are highly unreliable.' . . . Madden said the inquiry so far has uncovered the name of one physician, also a WPA worker, who has suddenly acquired considerable means and has bought two houses. . . . Secrecy with which Madden's investigation was progressing up until Harrigan's resignation was indicated by the fact that Madden arrived here a week ago and has been uncovering evidence since then so cautiously that none of the law enforcement agencies were aware of it. 'This may take us another three or four weeks,' Madden said. 'But we are going to get to the bottom of it and see that all the guilty are punished and the innocent absolved of any blame.' (Los Angeles Evening News, November 22, 1939.)

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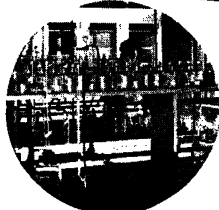
"Thomas Odum Luckett, former Imperial County physician, who was found guilty of an illegal operation, has applied to state pardon advisory board for a pardon, the Associated Press reported from Sacramento yesterday. The application is to be considered along with forty-three other applications for clemency at the board's Sacramento meeting Monday." (San Diego Union, November 25, 1939.) (Previous entries, July, September, December, 1937.)

"Some thirty cronies and friends of long standing gave a retirement luncheon at the Palace Hotel yesterday for Dr. Langley Porter, dean of the California Medical School. Doctor Porter will be 70 his next birthday. This is his second attempt at retirement. He retired in 1936, but his successor, Dr. William McKim Marriott, died soon after his appointment and Doctor Porter was redrafted until another successor could be found. None has been found as yet, but Doctor Porter has announced that he wants to leave before the year is out, and 'have a little leisure for fun.' . . . A native of Montreal, Doctor Porter began his career as physician aboard the liner City of Para at the battle of Manila in 1898. He became resident physician in St. Mark's Hospital, London, then clinical professor of pediatrics at both Stanford and the University of California." (San Francisco Chronicle, November 29, 1939.)

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"For prejudicial error by the trial judge, the State District Court of Appeal yesterday set aside the manslaughter conviction of Dr. Claude C. Long, who was found guilty following the abortion death of a San Francisco housewife in May, 1937. The victim, Mrs. Genevieve Arganbright, died during an operation admittedly performed by the physician. He, his wife and a nurse were tried for murder. The jury acquitted the two women, returning a manslaughter verdict against Doctor Long. The reversible error, the court held, was an instruction given the jury by Superior Judge Sylvain J. Lazarus, before whom the case was tried. That instruction was to the effect that the jury could not acquit Long of manslaughter unless the use of 'due caution and circumspection' in the performance

of the operation was proved beyond a reasonable doubt. The instruction thus placed the burden of proving 'due care and circumspection' on the defense. The opinion was written by Justice Raymond E. Peters and concurred in by Justices Louis H. Ward and C. J. Goodell, the latter sitting on the court temporarily from the San Francisco Superior Court. Doctor Long's attorney, Ed Cunha, declared that the decision means that the physician can be retried for manslaughter, but not on the murder charge. Doctor Long has been at liberty on bail since his arrest." (San Francisco *Chronicle*, November 30, 1939.) (Previous entries, July, September, October, November, December, 1937; February and August, 1938.)

"A statewide drive against druggists who prescribe remedies for venereal diseases was announced today after

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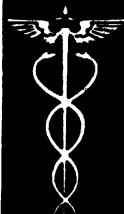
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the arrest of a Sacramento pharmacist on the charge of practicing medicine without a license. J. W. Williams, special agent for the State Board of Medical Examiners, arrested Clifford Reade, 34, employed at Grey's Pharmacy, 401 K Street, on the complaint of a youth who obtained medicine for the treatment of gonorrhea and later was forced to go to a hospital. Reade was booked in the city prison and released on bail. Williams said the arrest of Reade was one of several made throughout the state as a result of the determination of the Board of Medical Examiners to prevent the amateurish treatment of venereal disease cases. He pointed out that clinics for the treatment of the disease are maintained in almost every county. He said druggists should direct applicants to those clinics, or to reputable physicians, instead of prescribing 'quack' remedies. Williams said few of the state's pharmacists violate the state law forbidding them to prescribe remedies. Some of the violators, he reported, go so far as to treat men who suspect the presence of a venereal disease. The drive to prevent the prescribing of quack medicines and improper treatment of venereal disease, he said, is designed to help curb the spread of the disease." (Sacramento Bee, November 23, 1939.)

"Declared to be slowly dying of tuberculosis, Lawrence P. Lorraine, Sacramento physician serving a five-year sentence in Folsom prison for performing an illegal operation, today requested executive clemency of Governor Olson. Lorraine's sentence expires in 1943." (San Diego Union, November 5, 1939.) (Previous entries, January, February, 1935; May, 1938.) He is not a physician, nor do we find he holds a California license of any kind.

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Bequest Forms: Unto the California Medical Association*

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"Louis J. Kroeger, executive officer of the state personnel board, said today the board has waived the California residence requirement for the examination for junior physician in California institutions which will be held January 6. The position pays \$100 per month plus maintenance for self and family." (Sacramento Bee, November 23, 1939.)

"Dr. S. A. Sullivan, 40, a chiropractor, of 19 South Edinburgh Street was in jail today following his arrest by state narcotic inspectors on a charge of forging narcotic prescriptions. Also seized with him was Mrs. Nettie Bunger, same address, accused of passing the allegedly forged prescriptions. A. V. Beckner, state narcotics inspector, said about 300 prescriptions were involved." (Los Angeles Herald and Express, November 20, 1939.)

"A jury of seven women and five men were dismissed yesterday by Municipal Judge Herbert Kaufman after it failed to reach a decision in the case of Mrs. Verna Shelley,

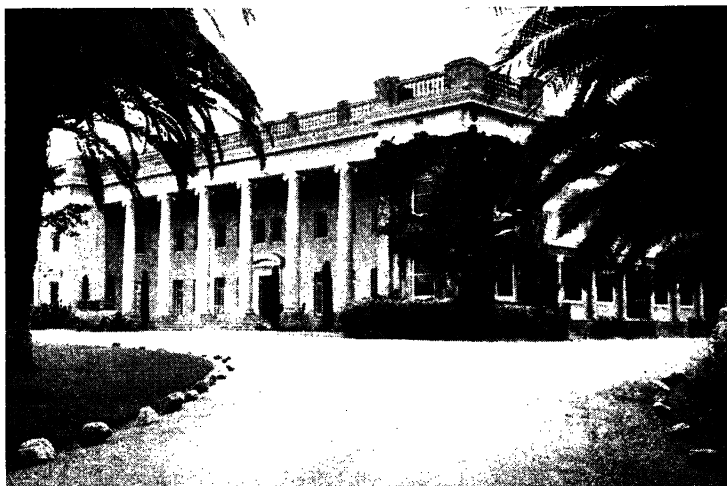
sales woman for a patent medicine, charged with practicing medicine without a license. No decision was made immediately on a second trial." (San Francisco News, November 21, 1939.) (Previous entry, September, 1939.)

"A third trial of Dr. Jesse Citron's medical fee suit against film comedian W. C. Fields was denied today by Superior Judge F. R. Freeman. In the second trial Doctor Citron won a jury verdict for \$2,000 of the \$12,000 he asked. At the first trial, without a jury, Superior Judge O. K. Morton awarded Doctor Citron the full \$12,000, but Fields appealed and the case was sent back to be retried. Doctor Citron treated Fields in an attack of pneumonia." (Los Angeles Times, November 14, 1939.) (Previous entry, November, 1939.)

"Standing nine to three for conviction, a superior court jury which deliberated murder charges against Dr. Clyde A. Pierson, San Bernardino osteopathic physician and surgeon, was discharged yesterday after jurors reported they were 'hopelessly deadlocked.' . . . Doctor Pierson was indicted by the grand jury after Hazel Waters, 18 years old, died at the county hospital from infection following an abortion. . . . The State charged that Doctor Pierson performed the abortion. Doctor Pierson denied he performed an operation. He said he gave the girl treatments when she appeared at his office after an abortion had been performed. The physician testified that Miss Waters told him the abortion took place in Los Angeles. This was corroborated by records of the county hospital which disclosed that Miss Waters told attendants there that the illegal operation had occurred in Los Angeles. . . ." (San Bernardino Sun, November 12, 1939.) "A second trial for Dr. Clyde A. Pierson, osteopathic physician and surgeon, on a charge of murder arising from the death of an eighteen year old girl, yesterday was set by Superior Judge Charles L. Allison for December 5. . . ." (San Bernardino Sun, November 14, 1939.) (Previous entries, May and July, 1935; November, 1939.)

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"Mrs. Ruth A. Sears of 836½ South Record Street, Los Angeles, changed her plea of not guilty to guilty on a charge of practicing medicine without a license before Police Judge R. J. Keller, Wednesday afternoon, and was sentenced to serve 180 days in the county jail. Judge Keller later suspended half of the sentence. She was arrested by local police on October 28 on a warrant signed by S. W. Brooks, assistant special agent of the State Board of Medical Examiners, who claimed Mrs. Sears treated Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffield, 32, who died last September 29 at her home, 422 North Sierra Avenue." (Alhambra *Post-Advocate*, November 29, 1939.) (Previous entry, December, 1939.)

"The Board of Supervisors today set up a yearly salary of \$9,000 for the new superintendent of the Los Angeles County General Hospital, and at the same time announced that examinations for the position will be held in Chicago and Los Angeles. . . ." (Los Angeles *Herald and Express*, November 16, 1939.)

"Dr. Floyd Fisk, Montebello chiropractor, was found not guilty of practicing medicine without a license by a jury in Whittier Township Justice Court yesterday afternoon after nearly six hours' deliberation. Doctor Fisk attended John Beck, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Beck of 635 Keith Drive, Whittier, last April. The little boy died from a ruptured appendix. The State charged that Doctor Fisk gave the boy medicine, while Fisk's attorneys pleaded that what the doctor gave the boy was not given as a medi-

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cine but as a food. . . ." (Whittier News, November 11, 1939.) (Previous entry, October, 1939.)

"No indictments were returned by the Shasta County grand jury Monday in the case of Dr. Thomas D. Wyatt of Redding, which they investigated following the recent action of the State Board of Medical Examiners in revoking Doctor Wyatt's license to practice medicine on a charge of misconduct in performing an alleged criminal abortion. As the probing body turned its attention to another case Monday afternoon after hearing all witnesses in the Wyatt case and then discussing the matter for a half hour, it is believed to have definitely dropped the matter. Although five witnesses were called before the grand jury Monday morning in the case, only two testified. Doctor Wyatt, Lucille Hansen, the Red Bluff woman on whom the abortion was allegedly performed and her husband, Chris Hansen, all stood on their constitutional rights in refusing to testify, as both Mrs. Hansen and Doctor Wyatt were open to indictment. Mrs. Hansen, however, previously testified before the medical board that Doctor Wyatt had performed the operation on her December 15, 1938, and that she had had a hemorrhage two weeks later and was treated by Dr. Richard Frey of Red Bluff at that time. Doctor Frey, when called before the grand jury Monday noon, stated he did not know whether the alleged abortion was legal or criminal. When Mrs. Marian Lord, nurse for Doctor Wyatt and who was allegedly in attendance at his office when the alleged abortion was performed, failed to identify Mrs. Hansen as having been the subject of such an operation, the grand jury was left no tangible evidence of a criminal abortion with the exception of the medical board proceedings, introduced to the body last Wednesday by District Attorney Laurence W. Carr. As this testimony is considered hearsay evidence in a court

of law, it was believed the grand jury would not be able to bring an indictment on the basis of the transcript alone. Carr appeared before the body several times during the hearing of the case, and once conferred in his office with Foreman Charles Loftus." (Redding Courier Free Press, November 30, 1939.) (Previous entries, February, October, 1934; January, March, 1935; December, 1936; February, August, 1937; December, 1939.)

"Dr. Filberto A. Bonaventura, Santa Rosa physician, yesterday was granted by Secretary of Labor Perkins a 60-day stay of deportation action taken against him as a result of a narcotic law conviction in 1932 in Ohio. Bonaventura, a native of Italy, prominent in anti-Fascist activities, said he prescribed drugs to a man he believed sick. He had been ordered to appear here next Monday to start the journey to Italy. Secretary Perkins' order, Labor Department officials said, was presumed to be for the purpose of either allowing him to clear up personal matters or seek a further hearing, according to Associated Press dispatches from Washington, D. C. The House Immigration Committee at its last regular session approved a bill by Representative Lea of California to relieve the physician from deportation, but it never came to a vote in the House." (San Francisco Chronicle, December 8, 1939.) (Previous entries, April, 1931; June and July, 1932; July, 1933; March, 1938.)

"Joseph P. Agrillo, Willow Glen barber, will face trial in Justice Grandin H. Miller's court December 13 on charges of practicing medicine without a license. He was

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arrested yesterday on complaint sworn by T. P. Hunter, San Francisco inspector for the State Board of Medical Examiners, who accused him of prescribing and advertising treatments for ailments when he was not licensed. He is out of custody." (San Jose News, December 2, 1939.)

"After twenty minutes' deliberation, a jury sitting in Menlo Park City Hall yesterday acquitted John B. Thornhill, Menlo Park barber, on a charge of prescribing medicine without a license. Thornhill's case was tried before Judge Edward I. McAuliffe of Redwood City." (Redwood Peninsular Beacon, December 1, 1939.)

"After twenty-six years of successful work, the Oaks Sanitarium, in the mountains above Los Gatos, closed yesterday. Dr. William Voorsanger, San Francisco physician, owner of the place, said the land, with a score of buildings, is for sale and would be sold at a low figure for any public purpose. Doctor Voorsanger said he was not retiring from practice, but was too busy in San Francisco, and also found the county hospital and other public institutions made it impossible to conduct a private institution at a profit. He took over the institution January 14, 1914." (Los Gatos Mail News, November 30, 1939.)

"Whether Philip W. Dyment, 66, was practicing medicine without a license when he allegedly diagnosed a special agent of the state police and a member of the police vice detail will be decided by a jury next December 7 in

Police Judge Kenneth C. Newell's court. Dyment assertedly represented himself as a doctor, when the officers called at his home at 1366 East Washington Street. In the ensuing discussion Dyment, according to the officers, confirmed a diagnosis, treatment and professional charge made to the state officer earlier the same day and also undertook to diagnose and treat a supposed ailment of the police vice detail member. Dyment denied the charges." (Pasadena Independent, November 27, 1939.) The records show that on December 7 Philip W. Dyment was found guilty by a jury in the City Court of Pasadena and was thereafter sentenced by Judge Kenneth C. Newell to pay a fine of \$500 or serve 180 days in jail. Four hundred and fifty dollars of the fine was suspended two years on condition of no further violation of the medical laws during that period. Stay of execution to December 9 was granted for the payment of the \$50. (Previous entries, September, 1928; July and August, 1931.) Philip Dyment's California medical license was originally revoked July 8, 1924, on allegation that said license was obtained by fraud. On July 3, 1928, the court ordered same restored. On July 7, 1931, Dyment's license was again revoked. He was featured in an article published in the *Bulletin of the Federation of Medical Examining Boards*, October, 1919.

Amount of Work Done by Human Heart.—The human heart does less work when the individual is standing for a considerable length of time than when he is at rest, *The Journal of the American Medical Association* states.

This is due to the effect of gravity in depleting the amount of blood coming back to the heart and therefore the amount of work accomplished by the heart.

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In answer to an inquiry as to how much work a normal heart of an average 150-pound man will do in one hour, *The Journal* says that this may be estimated roughly at 15,000 foot pounds when the man is doing heavy labor and at 3000 foot pounds when he is at rest.

Occupational Hazards of Morphin.—Reporting four cases of skin eruptions due to contact with morphin, James W. Jordan, M. D., and Earl D. Osborne, M. D., Buffalo, in *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, warn that contact with this drug and other opium derivatives constitutes an occupational hazard to such workers as nurses and employees of drug houses.

Three of their patients were nurses and the other was a tablet molder in a drug company manufacturing morphin.

"The opium alkaloids," the authors explain, "are capable of producing the allergic contact type of dermatitis (inflammatory eruption of the skin) and should be borne in mind when one sees an eczematous type of dermatitis in nurses, workers in drug houses or other workers whose occupation or profession requires them to contact these substances.

"The eruption in our three nurses appeared first on the hands, and later involved other exposed areas of the skin in two. The clinical appearance of the eruption could be easily confused with that of ringworm infection. In the case of the tablet molder the eruption first appeared in the inner elbow areas, probably because the morphin was in powdered form. Other exposed areas were involved subsequently.

"Our attempts at desensitization in morphin dermatitis have proved a complete failure, as have our attempts at desensitization in other cases of the contact type of dermatitis."